

Subject: Re: JHOP dance

Date: Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 1:22:50 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Reynolds Jeanne

To: Fiordimondo Kimberly

per our
phone
call

Kim,

I am so sorry to hear of this and I do appreciate your candor and want to follow up on your comments. School safety is a number one priority. Are you staying in the area or moving back up north? Might there be some time we could talk next week?

Thanks,
Jeanne

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Connected by phone w/
Kim on 7/12

- 1 mtg for team leaders w/ Dr. Jackson in August.
- Kim suffered concussions in December after student pushed into her

From: Fiordimondo Kimberly <FIORDIMONDOK@pcsb.org>

Date: Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 1:09 PM

To: Reynolds Jeanne <REYNOLDSJ@pcsb.org>

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Dear Jeanne,

I have given it much thought and I decided to officially give my resignation as dance teacher at John Hopkins Middle School. It was not an easy decision. I love what I do and I love my students but between being so far away from my family up north and the deterioration of the environment at Hopkins has made it impossible to continue. I do not feel safe at Hopkins. Between the hordes of students roaming the halls, breaking open doors, creating chaos, disrupting instruction, assaulting teachers and students, and committing acts of vandalism and violence, I feel it is the best decision. Having taught in similar schools up north, I never thought I would say that I feel unsafe at a school. I was hoping there would be a change in the leadership at Hopkins where possibly there would be some order restored. I was hopeful when the district came in this year December and said they would listen to our concerns and make changes...but nothing changed. The conditions only got worse. Everyday, my instruction was disrupted by students breaking open my classroom door and running in to create chaos... to steal, to assault a student, or just disrupt. Like my colleagues, I reported it...and nothing changed. My door was fixed multiple times, but they continued to break open the doors. I was cursed out every day to the point where I began to think my name was Ms. B. The schedule also created an

environment where learning was difficult. With students who didn't want to be there opening the doors when I was trying to teach, or overcrowded classes, the students were negatively affected. Many talented students told me they were not coming back this year because their parents felt that the school was unsafe. It breaks my heart to lose good students.

I do want to say that I am thankful for your support and the support of Mr. Mills. I don't know how myself or my department would have gotten through this difficult year without that support. Mr. Mills is a fabulous Magnet coordinator and I am thankful that we had him on our side. I want to thank you for the opportunity to work at John Hopkins MS and for the opportunities you provided me to grow as an educator and leader. I thank you for your unwavering support. You have inspired me to go back to school and obtain my leadership credentials so one day I too may lead a performing arts program. It has been a pleasure working under your leadership.

Sincerely,

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